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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR HOSTING ENTITY-SPECIFIC PHOTO-SHARING WEBSITES FOR ENTITY-SPECIFIC DIGITAL CAMERAS

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 1822 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 1822 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

09/625,398

Applicant(s)

ANDERSON ET AL.

Examiner

MELISSA M. CHOJNACKI

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- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address-

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/14/2011.
2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on ____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10 and 12-40.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date ____.
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date ____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1. In response to the Board Decision filed on June 14, 2011, claims 1-10 and 12-40 are presently pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-10 and 12-40 are allowed over prior art made of record.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for patentability of the claims found patentable in this application:

Claims 1-10 and 12-40 are patentable in view of the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated June 14, 2011 and in consideration of the remaining prior art of record presented in this application. This determination takes into account the findings of fact, principles of law and analysis set forth in the Decision of Reversal by the Patent Appeals and Interferences board filed. Also see MPEP 1214.04.

The record indicates that the two month period for further appeal and/or reconsideration has elapsed without indication of any further appeal or request for reconsideration. See 35 USC 141; 35 USC 142; 37 CFR 41.52

4. The prior arts of record Anderson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,567,122 B1), Thompson (U.S. Patent No. 6,650,831), and Creamer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,930,709) does not teach, disclose or suggest:

A method for providing access to respective entity-specific photo-sharing websites for a plurality of entities, each entity controlling a set of entity-specific network-enabled image capture devices, the method comprising providing an online photo-sharing service configured to provide access to the respective entity-specific photo-sharing websites for each of the entities, wherein one or more of the entity-specific photo-sharing websites is customized in appearance to a corresponding one or more of the plurality of entities; and providing software for the entity-specific network-enabled image capture devices, including a TCP-IP protocol stack that enables wireless communication between the entity-specific network-enabled image capture devices and the online photo-sharing service via a wireless Internet connection, that causes the entity-specific network-enabled image capture devices to wirelessly transmit entity ID information when the entity-specific network-enabled image capture devices wirelessly transmit images to the photo-sharing service over the Internet connection, wherein when the entity-specific network-enabled image capture devices wirelessly connect to the photo-sharing service via the wireless Internet connection, the photo-sharing service uses the entity ID received from the entity-specific network-enabled image capture devices to automatically associate the images received from the entity-specific network-

enabled image capture devices with the photo-sharing website of the identified entity, as claimed in independent claim 1.

Claims 2-9, 31 and 36-37 are allowed because they are dependent on independent claim 1.

An online photo-sharing system, comprising an online photo-sharing service for providing access to respective photo-sharing websites for a plurality of entities, wherein each of the entities controls a set of network-enabled digital cameras and one or more of the photo-sharing websites is customized in appearance to a corresponding one or more of the plurality of entities; and digital camera software that is customized to each of the entities, including a TCP-IP protocol stack that enables wireless communication between the digital cameras and the online photo-sharing service via a wireless Internet connection, wherein when the software customized to an entity is executed in the entity's network-enabled digital cameras during the wireless Internet connection to the photo-sharing service, the software causes the network-enabled digital cameras to automatically upload images and wirelessly transmit the entity ID information for the entity to the photo-sharing service over the wireless Internet connection, allowing the photo-sharing service to use the entity ID information received from the network-enabled digital cameras to automatically associate the uploaded images with the photo-sharing website for the entity, as recited in independent claim 10.

Claims 12-22, 32 and 38 are allowed because they are dependent on independent claim 10.

A method for automatically sending images from entity-specific cameras to entity-specific websites, comprising: customizing a plurality of entity-specific cameras for different entities by loading at least one entity ID into the camera; providing an online photo-sharing service for accessing a plurality of photo-sharing websites; providing the plurality of entity-specific cameras with a TCP-IP protocol stack for allowing the entity-specific cameras to wirelessly communicate with the online photo-sharing service over a wireless Internet connection; customizing in appearance each of the photo-sharing websites for a respective entity to create entity-specific websites, each of the entity-specific websites being identified by a respective entity ID; wirelessly transmitting the respective entity ID for a particular entity-specific website from the camera to the photo-sharing service when uploading images from the camera to the photo-sharing service via the wireless Internet connection; and receiving the images and the entity ID from the camera and associating the images with the particular entity-specific website identified by the entity ID, as recited in independent claim 23.

Claims 24-30, 33 and 39-40 are allowed because they are dependent on independent claim 23.

An online photo-sharing system, comprising an online photo-sharing service for hosting respective websites for a plurality of entities, wherein each of the entities controls a set of network-enabled digital cameras and one or more of the websites is customized in appearance to a corresponding one or more of the plurality of entities, the

set of network-enabled digital cameras including digital camera software that is customized to each of the entities, including a TCP-IP protocol stack that enables wireless communication between the network-enabled digital cameras and the online photo-sharing service via a wireless Internet connection, wherein when the software customized to a particular entity is executed in the entity's network-enabled digital cameras during the wireless Internet connection, the software causes the network-enabled digital cameras to automatically upload images and wirelessly transmit the entity ID information for the particular entity to the photo-sharing service over the Internet connection, allowing the photo-sharing service to use the entity ID information received from the network-enabled digital cameras to automatically associate the uploaded images with the photo-sharing website hosted for that particular entity, as recited in independent claim 34.

An online photo-sharing system, comprising a plurality of network-enabled digital cameras for accessing an online photo-sharing service for hosting respective websites for a plurality of entities, wherein each of the entities controls at least one of the network-enabled digital cameras and one or more of the websites is customized in appearance to a corresponding one or more of the plurality of entities, each of the plurality of network-enabled digital cameras including digital camera software that is customized to each of the entities, including a TCP-IP protocol stack that enables wireless communication between the network-enabled digital cameras and the online photo-sharing service via a wireless Internet connection, wherein when the software

customized to a particular entity is executed in the entity's network-enabled digital cameras during the wireless Internet connection, the software causes the network-enabled digital cameras to automatically upload images and wirelessly transmit the entity ID information for the particular entity to the photo-sharing service over the wireless Internet connection, allowing the photo-sharing service to use the entity ID information received from the network-enabled digital cameras to automatically associate the uploaded images with the photo-sharing website hosted for that particular entity, as recited in independent claim 35.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MELLISSA M. CHOJNACKI whose telephone number is (571)272-4076. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Rones can be reached on (571) 272-4085. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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